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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenji HORI

Group Art Unit: 2873

Application No.: 10/665,568

Examiner: M. HASAN

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Docket No.: 111608.01

For: OPTICAL COMPONENT THICKNESS ADJUSTMENT METHOD, OPTICAL COMPONENT, AND POSITION ADJUSTMENT METHOD FOR OPTICAL COMPONENT

APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representatives by Examiners Hasan and Sugarman in the March 22, 2006 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,479,049 to Aoki et al. (Aoki), and claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aoki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,479,049 to Redmond. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

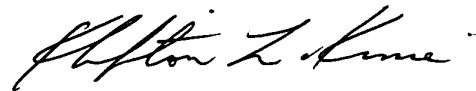
During the interview, Applicant's representatives and the Examiners discussed the December 14, 2005 Office Action and the March 14, 2006 Request for Reconsideration. As discussed and agreed to during the interview, Aoki does not teach or suggest each and every feature of claim 5. In particular, Aoki does not disclose any target thickness, and thus cannot

teach or suggest the etching step recited in claim 5. Redmond does not overcome the deficiencies of Aoki. As such, withdrawal of these rejection is respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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